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RESTRUCTURING OF EPCS .
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to restructure the Export Promotion Councils;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any Committee has been set up for the purpose;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the other steps taken by the Government to improve the functioning of Export Promotion Councils?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a) to (d) : In view of the significant changes that have taken place in the international trading environment in recent years, it was felt necessary to restructure the Export Promotion Councils(EPCs), in order to improve their functioning and make them more effective. Moreover, with emergence of new sectors of export importance, criteria need to be laid down regarding establishment of new EPCs. The Committee constituted within the Department of Commerce to look into the aspects of rationalization of election procedures of the EPCs and the criteria to beadopted for their restructuring so that they retain their relevance to the national export effort in the context of globlisation and economic liberalization, has made recommendations to streamline and strengthen the functioning of the EPCs. EPCs are beingrestructured to make them more responsive to the needs of their members by rationalization of their election and administrative procedures thereby ensuring that real exporters have a more effective role in their management and bring about greater efficiency and transparency in their functioning.

(e): The above steps are expected to improve the functioning of the existing EPCs.